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Applicant's Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Official Communication dated October 29, 1997 in the above-identified Application, please amend the Claims as follows:

Kindly amend claims 7 and 8 and add new claims 23-32 as follows:

7. (Amended) A stringed musical instrument comprising an elongated neck and body attached to one end of the said neck, a fulcrum tremolo mounted on said body, a plurality of elongated strings, means on said neck for supporting and forming a first critical point for each of said strings, said fulcrum tremolo forming a support for and second critical point for each of said strings, said fulcrum tremolo including counter springs with a first end [closer to said second critical point] and a second end [further from said second critical point], said first end of said counter springs connected to said body and said second end of said counter springs connected to an attachment means on said fulcrum tremolo for counter balancing the tension of said elongated strings wherein the improvement comprises that said

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